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## HOSTING HOCKEY

### BELGIUM & NETHERLANDS TO HOST 2026 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HOCKEY WORLD CUPS

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) executive board voted on Wednesday that Belgium and the Netherlands would share hosting duties for the 2026 men's and women's World Cups for Hockey respectively. Women's and men's teams will compete in both Amsterdam and Wavre during the combined event, which will take place in July or August. One local team, either Belgium or the Netherlands, will play each day in the planned structure for the match schedule in an effort to lure more fans. The board also confirmed that the winners of the FIH Hockey Pro League's fifth (2023/2024) and sixth (2024/2025) editions will automatically qualify for the 2026 World Cup.



## POWER WOMAN

### WEIGHTLIFTER ANN MARIYA BAGS GOLD AT KHELO INDIA NATIONAL RANKING EVENT

M.T. Ann Mariya won +87kg gold medal on the concluding day of the Khelo India National Ranking women's weightlifting tournament at Modinagar in India's northern state of Uttar Pradesh by lifting 90kg in snatch and 123kg in clean and jerk. She defeated Commonwealth championships gold medalist Purnima Pandey by one kilogram. By lifting a total of 212kg weight, Purnima Pandey clinched the second spot, followed by Jasbir Kaur (192kg).



## GEARING UP FOR GLOBAL EVENTS

### SELECTION TIME FOR INDIAN WRESTLERS

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has decided to select the possible candidates for the India squad for international competitions in 2023, including the Asian Games, based on their performances at the nationals, to be held in Vishakhapatnam in December.



## WTA FINALS

### WORLD NO. 1 IGA SWIATEK BEATS DARIA KASATKINA

World number one, Poland's Iga Swiatek defeated Russia's Daria Kasatkina in straight sets. With this victory, she made a winning start at the WTA Finals. Swiatek, 21, beat the Russian 6-2 6-3 and recorded her 46th straight-set win this year on the tour. This is the most main draw straight-set wins recorded in a single WTA season since 2013.



## IN THE RING

### ASIAN ELITE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS: INDIA'S HUSSAMUDDIN & LAKSHYASTAR QUALIFY FOR QUARTERFINALS

India's Mohammad Hussamuddin demonstrated his expertise to notch up a close victory and enter into the quarterfinals of the Asian Elite Boxing Championships. He defeated Kyrgyzstan's Seitbek Uulu Munarbek in the pre-quarterfinals. On the other hand, Lakshya Chahar (80 kg) advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Tajik Shabbos Negmat by 5-0 in the pre-quarterfinal round.



# PROUD MOMENT

## INDIA'S MEN'S SQUASH TEAM WINS A HISTORIC GOLD IN SOUTH KOREA AT THE ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the Asian Squash Team Championships, the Indian men's team won their first-ever gold medal in the sport. In Cheongju, South Korea, they defeated Kuwait. In the championship match, Kuwait was defeated 2-0 by

Saurav Ghoshal and Ramit Tandon. Both of these Indian players won their respective matches as well. Ramit defeated Ali Aramezi in the first game, while Saurav recorded victory against Ammar Altamimi in the second game. Falah Mohammad and Abhay Singh of

India didn't have to toil much to win the championship. This is the Indian Men's Team's biggest victory since their gold-medal at Asian Games in 2014. The Indian men's team bagged seven bronze medals and three silver medals at the Asian Team Squash Championships.



## STRICT ACTION

### KYRIE IRVING SUSPENDED FOR AT LEAST 5 GAMES

Brooklyn Nets, an American professional basketball team based in the New York City, suspended its star player Kyrie Irving for at least five games. According to reports, the decision was taken due to his controversial tweet for the promotion of an 'antisemitic' documentary. The Brooklyn Nets, as per reports, stated that Irving was "now unfit to be associated with the Brooklyn Nets" after Irving refused to express regret for the post.



## END OF STELLAR CAREER

### GERARD PIQUÉ ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

The Barcelona defender, Gerard Piqué, announced his retirement recently. The game against Almeria at the Camp Nou would be his last. The 35-year-old Spaniard had won the World Cup in 2010 and the Champions League on three occasions with Barcelona. "It is the moment to end this stage of my life. I always said that after Barcelona there will be no other club, and that is the way it is going to be," he wrote on social media. So far, he had played 615 games for Barcelona, scoring 52 goals.



## ON THE WHEELS

### RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP: ENGLAND DEFEATS AUSTRALIA

England won their first match at the wheelchair tournament of the Rugby League World Cup with an impressive 38-8 score over Australia. Player-of-the-match and Golden Boot winner Jack Brown inspired England to a big win. Spain had earlier opened the tournament with a victory over Ireland.



## VAULTING TO VICTORY

### REBECA ANDRADE SCRIPTS HISTORY AT WORLD GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rebeca Andrade scripted history at 2022 World Gymnastics Championships in Liverpool, England. She became the first South American gymnast to win the all-around title. Andrade immediately established her position as the front-runner by beginning the day on vault. It was the highest score of the day for any gymnast on any event with a 15.166.

